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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: RCE filed on 6/3/05 for the application filed on 12/12/96, priority 3/5/96.
2. Claims 30-31 are added.
3. Claim 2 is canceled.
4. Claims 1, 3-31 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 17, 21, 25, 26, 27 and 28 are independent claims.
5. Claim 29 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph since the claim, as amended, does not clarify the issue raised in the rejection.

Claim Objections

6. Claim 18 is objected to since the claim appears to be redundant. Its limitations are already disclosed in claim 17.
7. Claim 22 is also objected to since the claim appears to be redundant. Its limitations are already disclosed in claim 21.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

9. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not

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described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

10. The claimed limitations while are directed to the transparent window and the application window, include "returning the selected information object to the original external application program from which the information object has been obtained" where the selected object as well as the returning step has no connection to the transparent window and the application window.

11. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

12. Claim 29 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 29, which is dependent on claim 28, it is not clear what position or what size changes continuously *within* "continuously changing the position or the size when the position or the size of the window changes."

It is suggested that the phrase "of the transparent window" be inserted into the limitation as "continuously changing the position or the size of the transparent window when the position or the size of the window changes" instead of being inserted in "wherein the changing of the position or the size of the transparent window comprises ..."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

13. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

14. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

15. Claims 1, 3, 17-18, 21-22, 25-27 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakajima et al. (US Pat No. 5,659,791, 8/19/97) in view of Khoyi et al. (US Pat No. 5,421,015), and Wan (US Pat No. 5,530,795, 6/25/96, filed 2/15/94).

Regarding independent claim 17 and its dependent claim 18, Nakajima discloses:

- obtaining information from the external application program in accordance with the result of the analysis (**col 2, lines 20-43; col 1, lines 46-61**: the scrap object

- is integrated into a destination document or transferred between applications via a clipboard after the information is selected to be extracted from the document)
- creating an information object in accordance with the obtained information and attribute information which includes object ID, object type and information type (**col 6, lines 25-28**: encapsulating of the selected information into an object is created automatically by the system to encapsulate the selected information in response to extracting and that is stored in the memory; **col 5, lines 64-67**, an object is a combination of data structure that hold *attribute data* and *functions that act upon the attribute data*; **col 6, lines 64-67**: giving a name for an object for *referencing the object*, which means each object must have an ID; **col 5, lines 55-58**: *recognizing of the information type to handle the reintegration of an object*)
 - selecting a created information object (figure 2, step 30, figure 4, step 44)
 - returning the contents of the selected information object to the original external application program from which the information object has been obtained (**col 4, lines 51-56, figure 2, step 37, figure 4, step 51**: “the desktop sends feedback to the source object indicating whether the drop was successful and ...After the scrap object is created, it may be subsequently integrated into the document, including the document from which it originated”; re-integrating the object into the document where the object information is selected to be dragged, moved or copied from the document shows said returning step)

It is noted that the “analyzing an event” step is inherently included in Nakajima since the obtaining step is performed in accordance with the result of the analysis.

Nakajima does not disclose the priority for showing of objects, time stamp, object link which are able to be modified after being created as an information object. Nakajima also does not disclose showing the information object such that the information object appears different from any non-selected information in the external program.

Khoyi discloses:

- the object catalog including the object table and link table (figure 5)
- the object table includes object identifiers, object type and object location (figure 6)
- the link table includes link ID, link type, parent object identifiers, child object identifiers (figure 7)
- the linking of data objects (col 3, lines 12-20; col 43, lines 1-11)
- the ability of editing of the moved or copied objects (col 43, lines 66-67; col 44, lines 1-5)
- the changing the manner of drawing the information object on the basis of the attribute information (col 3, lines 22-36)
- *a new object is created at will by a user by modifying the object prototype in the object prototype table to change the characteristics of the object (col 3, lines 37-48, when the characteristics of an object is changed, the appearance of the object should be changed. In other words, the appearance of the selected object is different from the non-selected object)*

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have combined Khoyi into Nakajima to have the information objects, for user selecting of information, which include object ID, object type, object link and the ability of modifying objects after created. As disclosed, the attribute information includes object ID, object type and object link, parent object ID and child object ID which are object ID of next object, thus motivating the including of the priority for showing objects and time stamp, which are other information data related to the object.

In addition, the fact that Nakajima shows that the information is selected as requested, transferred and integrated into a document of another application implies that the system can analyze an event for selecting information as well as creating an information object as desired.

In addition, Nakajima and Khoyi do not disclose *a transparent window* through which contents of the information controlled by the external application program is seen, said transparent window having a position and size being the same position and a same size as the application window, and wherein the position or the size of said window changes, said transparent window will automatically be changed to have the same position and size as that of said window.

Wan discloses a transparent window through which contents of the information controlled by the external application program is seen, said transparent window having a position and size being the same position and a same size as the application window, and wherein the position or the size of said window changes, said transparent window will automatically be changed to have the same position and size as that of said window

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(col 2, line 66 to col 3, line 24: *the fact that the transparent window when automatically moving and resizing can cover exactly the application window implies that the positions and the sizes of the two windows are the same so that one can cover exactly the other; the fact that the transparent window moves and resizes to cover exactly the application window implies that some change is made to the application window so that the transparent window needs resizing to adjust the position and the size with the application window; also, it was well known that the application window underlying the transparent window must be seen through the transparent window due to the transparency feature).*

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have combined Wan into Nakajima and Khoyi to conveniently present, view and edit information that a user can easily see through a window and manipulate the underlying data via a transparence mechanism.

Claim 21 is for a computer readable program code to perform the steps in claim 17, and is rejected under the same rationale.

Claim 3 is the system for performing the step in claim 18, and is rejected under the same rationale.

Claim 22 is the program code means for performing the step in claim 18, and is rejected under the same rationale.

Regarding independent claim 1, Nakajima discloses, as in claim 17:

- storing contents and attribute information of an information object to be shown, the attribute information being concerned with showing the information object and including object ID, object type, information type (col 6, lines 25-28, the selected information is created automatically by the system in response to extracting and these objects are stored in the memory; col 5, lines 64-67, an object is a combination of data structure that hold attribute data and functions that act upon the attribute data; col 6, lines 64-67, giving a name for an object for referencing the object which means each object must have an ID; col 5, lines 55-58, recognizing of the information type to handle the reintegration of an object)
- drawing information object on said transparent window in accordance with the content and attribute information relating to the display of the object stored in said information storing unit, and changing a manner of drawing the information object on the basis of the attribute information (col 3, lines 37-48, modifying objects by changing the objects' characteristics)
- performing at least any one of processes including a process of controlling said information storing unit, a process of controlling said message transmitting unit and a process of controlling said drawing unit, in accordance with the result of the analysis reported from said event analyzing unit (col 2, lines 20-43; col 1, lines 46-61; col 3, lines 25-35; the information is selected, transferred and integrated into another document using a scrap object as a vehicle for interapplication transfer of information)

- transmitting a control message to an external application program in order to get a selected information in the external application program (col 2, lines 20-43; col 1, lines 46-61; col 3, lines 25-35; transmitting messages is inherently included in the performing step, otherwise information selection, transferring, or integrating can not be performed)
- analyzing all the events from an operation system and reporting a result of the analysis (col 2, lines 55-60, operating system provides code for a clipboard and code for implementing a user interface; col 3, lines 25-40, role of the mouse and the operating system in the drag-and-drop mechanism used to create a scrap object in which the movement of the mouse, the depression and the release of the mouse button, each constitutes an event that is translated by the operating system into a message, and the operating system post most of the mouse messages into a message queue for a currently executing application program; reporting a result of the analysis is inherently included in the performed step since the performing step is carried out in accordance with the result of the analysis)
- selecting a created information object (figure 2, step 30, figure 4, step 44)
- returning the contents of the selected information object to the original external application program from which the information object has been obtained (col 4, lines 51-56, figure 2, step 37, figure 4, step 51: "the desktop sends feedback to the source object indicating whether the drop was successful and ...After the scrap object is created, it may be subsequently integrated into the document,

including the document from which it originated"; re-integrating the object into the document where the object information is selected to be dragged, moved or copied from the document shows said returning step)

Nakajima does not disclose the priority for showing of objects, time stamp, object link which are able to be modified after being created as an information object. Nakajima also does not disclose showing the information object such that the information object appears different from any non-selected information in the external program.

Khoyi discloses:

- the object catalog including the object table and link table (figure 5)
- the object table includes object identifiers, object type and object location (figure 6)
- the link table includes link ID, link type, parent object identifiers, child object identifiers (figure 7)
- the linking of data objects (col 3, lines 12-20; col 43, lines 1-11)
- the ability of editing of the moved or copied objects (col 43, lines 66-67; col 44, lines 1-5)
- the changing the manner of drawing the information object on the basis of the attribute information (col 3, lines 22-36)
- *a new object is created at will by a user by modifying the object prototype in the object prototype table to change the characteristics of the object (col 3, lines 37-48, when the characteristics of an object is changed, the appearance of the*

object should be changed. In other words, the appearance of the selected object is different from the non-selected object)

In addition, Nakajima and Khoyi do not disclose a *transparent window* through which contents of the information controlled by the external application program is seen, said transparent window having a position and size being the same position and a same size as the application window, and wherein the position or the size of said window changes, said transparent window will automatically be changed to have the same position and size as that of said window.

Wan discloses a transparent window through which contents of the information controlled by the external application program is seen, said transparent window having a position and size being the same position and a same size as the application window, and wherein the position or the size of said window changes, said transparent window will automatically be changed to have the same position and size as that of said window (col 2, line 66 to col 3, line 24: *the fact that the transparent window when automatically moving and resizing can cover exactly the application window implies that the positions and the sizes of the two windows are the same so that one can cover exactly the other; the fact that the transparent window moves and resizes to cover exactly the application window implies that some change is made to the application window so that the transparent window needs resizing to adjust the position and the size with the application window; also, it was well known that the application window underlying the transparent window must be seen through the transparent window due to the transparency feature).*

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have combined Wan into Nakajima and Khoyi to conveniently present, view and edit information that a user can easily see through a window and manipulate the underlying data via a transparence mechanism.

Independent claim 25 includes part of limitations of claims 1, and is rejected under the same rationale.

Independent claim 26 is for the computer-readable program code for the method claim 25, and is rejected under the same rationale.

Independent claim 27 includes limitations disclosed in claim 1, and therefore is rejected under the same rationale.

16. Claims 4-12, 16, 19-20, 23-24 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakajima in view of Khoyi, and Wan as applied to claim 17 above, and further in view of Person (*Using Windows 3.1*, 1993).

Regarding claim 19, which is dependent on claim 17, Nakajima, Khoyi, and Wan do not disclose the editing of the contents of the selected information objects after created. Person discloses the editing the contents of the embedded objects in a document (p.235, 236, 521, 522).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated Person to Nakajima because Nakajima shows the transferring selected information objects and Person shows the editing the selected information objected after created.

Regarding claim 20, which is dependent on claim 17, Nakajima shows the combining objects when a scrap object integrated into another object of other document. Nakajima also discloses the class object that refers to a group of objects thus all scrap objects belong to the scrap object class have the same type of attributes and functions (col 3, lines 1-12). Nakajima does not show the editing process including moving objects, deleting objects, changing objects and creating objects.

However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have included moving, deleting, changing and creating objects since it was well known that a user can (a) move an object from one location to another by using the drag-and-drop mechanism, (b) delete an object by highlighting the object and pressing the delete key, (c) change an object by highlighting a portion of the object and pressing the delete key to remove that portion, (d) to create a new information object by selecting a portion of an object and save it under a different name.

Claim 23 is a computer program code means to perform the functions of claim 19, and is rejected under the same rationale.

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Claim 24 is a computer program code means to perform the functions of claim 20, and is rejected under the same rationale.

Claims 4-10 are for the means included in the system to perform the functions disclosed in claim 20, and are rejected under the same rationale.

Regarding claim 11, which is dependent on claim 10, Nakajima, Khoyi, and Wan do not disclose that when a selected text or graphics is moved, the rest of the document is moved to maintain the relative location in the document.

However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated that feature into Nakajima, Khoyi, and Wan since it was well known in the art when a selected text or graphics is moved, the rest of the document is moved to maintain the relative location in the document.

Regarding claim 12, which is dependent on claim 10, the fact that a file subdirectory containing a plurality of files including the index file, if the index files is selected and deleted, the whole subdirectory is deleted, can be applied to the object group as claimed.

Regarding claim 16, which is dependent on claim 10, Nakajima does not disclose that an information object belonging to any one of information object groups and an information object which does not belong to any information object group are shown on

the window by different ways. Person discloses the document including the information selected from different applications. The display of the whole document is different from the display of only the information from Microsoft Excel which is the graph and the table (page 208). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have combined Person into Nakajima because Person shows the display of the combined document, including text and graphics, which is different from the document from Excel which includes only the graph and table.

17. Claims 13-15 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakajima in view of Khoyi, Wan, and Person as applied to claim 10 above, and further in view of Microsoft (*Microsoft Windows User's Guide*, 1992).

Regarding claim 13, which is dependent on claim 10, Nakajima, Khoy, Wand and Person do not disclose the relationship of the selected information object in the information object group is canceled when one information object in the information object group is selected.

Microsoft discloses that when deleting a link from an Cardfile object embedded in a Write document, both the link to the drawing and the drawing are removed from the document (p. 502).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have combined Microsoft into Nakajima, Khoy, Frank, Wand and Person since the fact that the *removing* of the link to the drawing and the drawing when deleting a link from an object embedded in the document suggests selecting the object before

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deleting and canceling the relationship of the object and other objects embedded in the document.

Regarding claims 14 and 15, Nakajima, Khoyi, Person and Microsoft do not disclose that when the two objects are selected and the hierarchical relationship is given to the selected information objects to form the information object group, and when one of them is deleted, the other is removed, too.

However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have modified to include in Nakajima, Khoyi, Person and Microsoft said forming the information object group based on the selected objects and their given hierarchical relationship and said deleting feature since it was well known that if two selected objects has a hierarchical relationship, when one is deleted, the other is removed, too due to the inheritance.

18. Claims 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wan (US Pat No. 5,530,795, 6/25/96, filed 2/15/94) in view of Nakajima et al. (US Pat No. 5,659,791, 8/19/97).

Regarding independent claim 28, Wan discloses:

- displaying, on a window displaying information controlled by the external application program, a transparent window through which contents of the information controlled by the external application program are seen (**col 2, line**

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66 to col 3, line 24: covering the contents of the information in a window by a transparent window shows the claimed displaying)

- detecting a position and a size of the window (**col 2, line 66 to col 3, line 24:** moving and resizing the transparent window *to cover* the application window exactly inherently shows that the position and the size of the window are detected so that covering the application window can be performed exactly based on the size and position of the application window)
- positioning and sizing the transparent window to have a same position and size as the detected position and size of the window (**col 2, line 66 to col 3, line 24:** covering the application window exactly by the transparent window shows that the two windows have the same position and sizes)
- changing the position or the size of the transparent window to be the same as the position and size of the window when the position or the size of the window changes (**col 2, line 66 to col 3, line 24:** **moving** the transparent window **to cover** the application window **exactly** shows changing the position of the transparent window to be the same as the position of the window when said position changes, and **resizing** the transparent window **to cover** the application window **exactly** shows changing the size of the transparent window to be the same as the size of the window when said size changes)

Wan does not disclose:

- selecting a created information object

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- returning the contents of the selected information object to the original external application program from which the information object has been obtained

Nakajima discloses:

- selecting a created information object (figure 2, step 30, figure 4, step 44)
- returning the contents of the selected information object to the original external application program from which the information object has been obtained (col 4, lines 51-56, figure 2, step 37, figure 4, step 51: "the desktop sends feedback to the source object indicating whether the drop was successful and ...After the scrap object is created, it may be subsequently integrated into the document, including the document from which it originated"; re-integrating the object into the document where the object information is selected to be dragged, moved or copied from the document shows said returning step)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have combined Nakajima into Wan since Nakajima discloses returning the selected object to the original document providing the advantage to incorporate into Wan for returning the selected object to the original application from which said object is selected via the transparent window.

Regarding claim 29, which is dependent on claim 28, Wan disclose continuously changing the position or the size when the position or the size of the window changes (col 2, line 66 to col 3, line 24: since Wan discloses automatically changing the size and the position of the transparent window so that it covers exactly the application

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window when the size and the position of the window is changed, Wan implies that whenever the size and the position of the window is changed, the size and the position of the transparent window will continuously change for performing the covering feature).

Response to Arguments

19. Applicant's arguments filed 6/3/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argue that the claimed returning is not taught in Nakajima since integrating the scrap object into the document, including the document from which it originated does not show that the changed contents are inserted (Remarks, page 15).

Examiner respectfully disagrees.

Re-integrating an object to the document from which it originated shows the returning of said object to its original document. The fact that whether the content is changed when being inserted does not matter since the selected object, as claimed, when being returned is not a changed object.

Applicants argue that Wan does not disclose that the transparent window continuously changes whenever the size of the window changes since there is no further change in the position/size of the transparent window after the time of copying (Remarks, page 15).

Examiner respectfully disagrees.

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Since Wan discloses automatically changing the size and the position of the transparent window so that it covers exactly the application window when the size and the position of the window is changed (col 2, line 66 to col 3, line 24), Wan implies that whenever the size and the position of the window is changed, the size and the position of the transparent window will continuously change for performing the covering feature.

Conclusion

20. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Brooks (US Pat No. 6,008,809, 12/28/99, 9/22/97).

DeStefano (US Pat No. 6,654,035 B1, 11/25/03, filed 3/28/00, priority 12/15/97).

Rodden et al. (US Pat No. 6,473,102 B1, 10/29/02, filed 5/11/99).

Gutekunst et al., A Distributed and Policy-Free General-Purpose Shared Window System, IEEE 1995, pages 51-62.

21. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cong-Lac Huynh whose telephone number is 571-272-4125. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-4125.

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